(b) and (c) Funds have been allocated to the States of Bihar and Jharkhand as per set norms. Even the allocated funds are not fully utilised by these States.

Condition of National Highways in Bihar and Jharkhand

4643. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of bad and deteriorating condition of National Highways in Bihar and Jharkhand;

(b) whether any instructions have 'been issued to the State Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the amount spent during 2001-2002 on maintenance and upkeep of National Highways in each of these States;

(e) the places where this amount has been spent; and

(f) by when all these Highways would be repaired fully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI] (a) Development and Maintenance of National Highways is taken up in phases within available resources. The present status of National Highways in these States is given as under:

Length in Kms.

		Bihar	Jharkhand	Total
1.	Total Length	3358.40	1623.25	4981.65
2.	Planned for 4 laning under National Highway Development Programme	721.00	192.00	913.00
3.	Length improved under			
	(a) Improvement of Riding quality Programme:	618.00	175.00	793.00
	(b) Periodical renewal	570.00	390.00	960.00
	Total Length improved so far	1188.00	565.00	1753.00

(b) and (c) Instructions on priority for improvement of riding quality, cost control quality of works and timely completion of works are issued to the State Governments from time to time. Progress of works is also monitored by carrying out reviews of on-going works periodically.

(d) Expenditure on development and maintenance of National Highways in these States during 2001-02 has been reported as under.

(Rs. Crore)

State	Development	Maintenance
Bihar	50.18	38.07
Jharkhand	29.71	19.76

(e) Allocation of funds is made State-wise and not place-wise.

(f) The repairs and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process.

Mafia Interference in Implementing World Bank funded Road Development Schemes

4644. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that various Centrally Sponsored Road Development Schemes funded by the World Bank in various States are dogged by the activities of underworld mafia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received reports that mafias are not allowing such schemes/programmes to be implemented; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure implementation of various road development schemes without mafia's interference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C.